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# An Account of the TRADE

BETWEEN  
ENGLAND and FRANCE,

Stated and Humbly Offered to the Consideration of the  
Honourable House of Commons, in Relation to the  
Present Act that is passing, for Prohibiting *French*  
COMMODITIES.

**W**Hereas it is taken for granted, that the Ballance of Trade be-  
tween *France* and *England* is 1500000 *l.* yearly.  
*Note,* That the greatest Quantity of *French* Wines Imported into *England* in  
any one Year, does not exceed 20000 Tun; and the Medium of any se-  
ven years, is not 15000 Tun, but taking the highest at 10 *l.* per Tun,  
first Cost in *France*, is but 200000 *l.*

The greatest yearly Importation of *Brandy*, exceeds not 5000 Tuns,  
which at 14 *l.* per Tun, first Cost in *France*, amounts but to 70000 *l.*

So that the whole Cost in *France* of *Wines* and *Brandy* is but 270000 *l.*  
which deducted out of 1500000 *l.* there remains 1230000 *l.* which must  
be Imported in other Commodities, as Namely *Silk*, *Linnen*, *Paper*, &c.  
which may be Imported from *Italy*, *Flanders* and *Spain*, with much less  
Charge, Hazard, and Privacy, than *Wines* and *Brandy*, which pay the  
King much more for Customs, than they first Cost in *France*, *Viz.*

Wines according to the proportion	<sup>ss.</sup>
abovementioned, pays Customs	260000
upwards of	_____
Brandy	90000
In all	350000

Whereas *Silks*, *Linnen*, &c. pay <sup>ss.</sup>  
for Customs yearly not above 50000

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So that it most plainly appears, That *Silks*, *Linnen*, *Paper*, &c. draw  
from the Nation 1230000 *l.* yearly, besides the Value of all Goods Ex-  
ported from *England* to *France*, and pays toward the Publick Charge of  
the Nation only 50000 *l.* And that *Wines* and *Brandy* pay 350000 *l.*  
which is 80000 *l.* more than they first Cost in *France*,

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